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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG PRIORITY  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN, BANGKOK FOR US TEXTILE DELEGATION

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ETRD, HK

SUBJECT: TEXTILES/HONG KONG

1. INTERESTED AGENCIES MET WITH CROWSON (UK EMBASSY  
COUNSELOR FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS) ON MAY 31.  
DEPARTMENT OFFICER POINTED OUT TO CROWSON THAT RECENTLY  
COMPILED US STATISTICS WHICH INCLUDE 1977 EXPORTS WHICH  
ENTERED US IN 1978, SHOW THAT HONG KONG OVER-SHIPED  
SIX TEXTILE CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS DURING  
AGREEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977, AS FOLLOWS:

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CATEGORY	PERCENT FILLED	OVERSHIPMENT
SPECIFIC LEVELS	THROUGH 3/31/78	(SYE)

41/42/43/62PT	137.2	7,811,049
43/62	153.0	8,677,277
48	173.9	1,255,100

49/63	104.0	525,623
50/51	108.0	8,763,581
237	134.4	293,787

NO MORE ADJUSTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THESE CATEGORIES.

2. US REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPHS 25 AND 18 OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF THESE OVERSHIPMENTS CLARIFY THEIR SIZE AND DETERMINE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM. IN THE MEANTIME, ON PERFORMANCE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO INDUSTRY, THE US INTENDS TO CHARGE THE AMOUNTS OF OVERSHIPMENTS TO APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES FOR THE PRESENT AGREEMENT YEAR WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE OUTCOME OF THE REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS. US WISHED TO HAVE HONG KONG REACTION TO THE LATTER BY JUNE 5, SINCE PERFORMANCE REPORTS MUST BE PUBLISHED VERY SOON. CROWSON SAID THE CHANGE TO 1978 QUOTAS COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IF ALL OR MOST OF THESE

QUOTAS HAD ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THIS YEAR AND CONSULTATION DOES NOT CONFIRM US FIGURES. DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPLIED THIS WAS PRECISELY THE SORT OF THING THAT COULD BE IRONED OUT IN COURSE OF CONSULTATION, WHILE PUBLICATION OF PERFORMANCE REPORTS COULD NOT WAIT.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICER TOLD CROWSON THAT US IS ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SETTING AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL FOR SHIPMENTS OF MENS AND BOYS WOOL SUITS (CATEGORY 443). US REQUESTED THAT HONG KONG CEASE ISSUANCE OF EA'S FOR THIS CATEGORY AT THE PRESENT LEVEL (JUST OVER 78,000)

PENDING OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO CROWSON'S QUESTION, WE SAID THAT OUR EARLIER PROPOSAL THAT CATEGORY 443 BE SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 92,500 UNITS DURING PRESENT AGREEMENT YEAR, REMAINS ON THE TABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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